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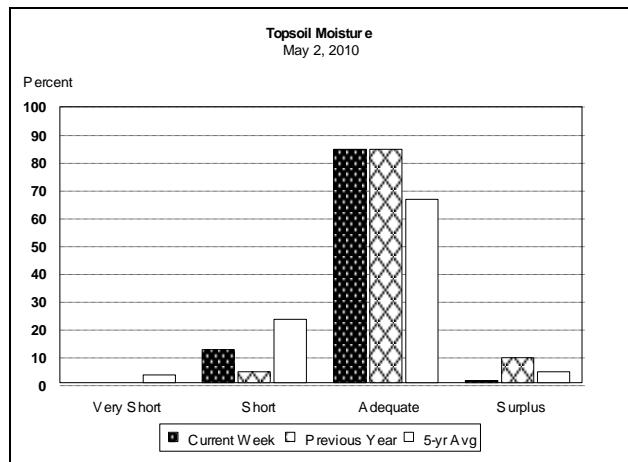
## Week of April 24 – May 2, 2010

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Not feeling much like Spring.

Livestock and field work affected by weather.

Windy conditions and cooler temperatures, more characteristic of a winter weather pattern, prevailed across Wyoming last week. In addition, scattered rain and snow showers limited farming in some areas. While many are still awaiting warmer spring weather, the moisture was a welcome commodity. Calving and lambing are well underway and several reports of sheep producers losing ewes surfaced this week due to recent shearing combined with storms. High temperatures ranged from the low 70s to the low 60s. Low temperatures ranged from the upper 20s to the low teens. Four days were suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was 87 percent adequate or better, down 8 points from last year but holding steady with last week.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	1	0	4
Short	13	12	5	24
Adequate	85	85	85	67
Surplus	2	2	10	5



**FIELD CROP REPORT:** Winter wheat condition was reported at 79 percent good or better, down compared to 2009 but up from last week and the multi-year average. Twelve percent was reported as jointed, 3 points ahead of the five-year average. Planting was reported ahead of last year and the average at 77 percent complete for barley, with 24 percent of it emerged. Oat planting came in at 57 percent complete, with emergence 2 behind last year at 16 percent. Thirty six percent of the spring wheat came in as planted, up 11 points from the previous year but 4 points below the 5-year average, with 9 percent reported emerged. Corn and sugar beet planting came in at 11 and 63 percent complete, respectively, with dry beans just getting started at 1 percent planted. Crop insect infestation was reported as 3 percent light and 7 percent moderate with 90 percent reporting none.

### CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wht	0	0	21	78	1

### CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	77	71	72	75
Barley Emerged	24	18	24	34
Oats Planted	57	48	42	50
Oats Emerged	16	10	18	21
Spring Wheat Planted	36	36	25	40
Spring Wheat Emerged	9	9	11	12
Winter Wheat Jointed	12	3	18	9
Corn Planted	11	5	11	12
Sugarbeets Planted	63	42	51	72
Sugarbeets Emerged	2	0	7	7
Dry Beans Planted	1	1	3	1

**LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT:** Spring calving was reported as 84 percent completed, down slightly from a year ago and 5 percent behind the 5-year average. Calf losses for the week were 24 percent light, 74 percent normal and 2 percent heavy. Eighty six percent of the farm flock was reported as lambled, on schedule with this time last year. As for the range flock, 41 percent were reported as lambled, ahead of both last year and the average. Eighty four percent of the farm flock was reported as shorn with the range flock following closely behind at 67 percent shorn. Lamb losses for the week remain positive with 20 percent light and 79 percent normal and 1 percent heavy. Range and pasture conditions came in at 55 percent good or better, improving 3 points from last week and remaining well above the multi-average. Stock water supplies came in at 94 percent adequate, with 6 percent short. This is above the average but lower when compared to this time last year.

### LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	84	76	85	89
Farm Flock Ewes Lambled	86	80	86	88
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	84	77	85	88
Range Flock Ewes Lambled	41	41	38	36
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	67	60	64	65

### RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	1	1	0	6
Poor	15	15	9	17
Fair	29	32	25	37
Good	52	49	56	36
Excellent	3	3	10	4

### STOCK WATER SUPPLY

	This Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	0	0	6
Short	6	1	22
Adequate	94	95	70
Surplus	0	4	2

**WEATHER SUMMARY:** Temperatures during the week averaged below normal at all of the 33 reporting stations. Average air temperatures for the week ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Buford to 8 degrees below normal in Gillette. The high temperature for the state was 79 degrees at Torrington with a low of 10 degrees at Laramie. Four reporting stations received above normal precipitation for the week. However, 22 stations remain below normal for cumulative precipitation since January 1. The most precipitation for the week was 0.67 inches received at Sundance. This was 0.04 inches above normal for the week and brought them to within 0.37 inches of their normal total accumulation since January 1.

**Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, May 2, 2010 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
<b>District 1</b>									
Cody	70	27	44	-5	0.03	0.36	-0.33	0.50	-1.98
Dubois	64	22	36	-4	0.46	0.35	0.11	4.29	2.06
Greybull	74	29	46	-5	0.34	0.24	0.10	1.17	-0.75
Jeffrey City	68	23	37	-7	0.28	0.45	-0.17	2.87	-0.32
Lake Yellowstone	65	24	39	-3	0.58	0.34	0.24	3.51	-0.28
Lander	69	27	43	-6	0.31	0.56	-0.25	5.59	1.06
Powell	73	26	44	-5	0.13	0.21	-0.08	0.79	-0.38
Riverton	69	29	43	-6	0.12	0.34	-0.22	3.34	1.53
Worland	74	25	45	-7	0.20	0.29	-0.09	0.90	-0.96
<b>District 2</b>									
Big Horn	69	26	42	-7	0.20	0.49	-0.29	4.02	-0.23
Buffalo-Johnson	70	28	43	-6	0.03	0.48	-0.45	1.57	-1.74
Gillette	67	26	42	-8	0.06	0.63	-0.57	1.96	-2.50
Mid-West	71	21	41	-7	0.06	0.51	-0.45	3.23	-0.74
Newcastle	71	24	43	-7	0.00	0.49	-0.49	1.87	-1.67
Sheridan	70	27	44	-4	0.14	0.48	-0.34	2.82	-0.63
Sundance	63	22	42	-6	0.67	0.63	0.04	4.44	-0.37
<b>District 3</b>									
Big Piney	65	16	36	-6	0.02	0.17	-0.15	1.36	-0.59
Evanston	65	20	36	-7	0.12	0.30	-0.18	2.59	-0.82
Jackson Hole	63	25	36	-5	0.28	0.39	-0.11	5.37	-2.35
Thayne	65	23	36	-6	0.20	0.46	-0.26	5.26	-0.67
<b>District 4</b>									
Casper	71	17	42	-6	0.16	0.47	-0.31	3.29	-0.49
Laramie	63	10	36	-6	0.03	0.32	-0.29	1.85	-0.94
Rawlins	66	19	39	-7	0.11	0.31	-0.20	1.45	-1.44
Rock Springs	65	24	41	-4	0.05	0.28	-0.23	1.89	-1.12
Shirley Basin	61	17	32	-6	0.20	0.29	-0.09	2.33	0.07
<b>District 5</b>									
Buford	65	21	38	-2	0.16	0.43	-0.27	5.96	1.88
Cheyenne	71	24	41	-5	0.11	0.47	-0.36	4.84	1.21
Chugwater	71	24	42	-4	0.15	0.54	-0.39	7.90	3.98
Douglas	68	26	43	-5	0.08	0.52	-0.44	2.49	-0.89
Lance Creek	70	25	44	-6	0.03	0.49	-0.46	4.34	1.15
Old Fort Laramie	76	23	44	-6	0.00	0.49	-0.49	4.83	1.70
Torrington	79	24	46	-5	0.01	0.51	-0.50	3.94	0.69
Wheatland	73	25	44	-7	0.08	0.47	-0.39	3.73	0.98

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.